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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:)
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and JOSEPH SPENCER OSBORNE III)
Application No. 10/717,462) Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed: November 21, 2003) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton
For: PACKAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD)

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is June 19, 2006. Applicants enclose a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, with the requisite fee, setting the time period for response to July 19, 2006. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.